The project is flexible enough to include more States and UTs on the basis of need and merit.

Medium of Instruction for a Course Conducted by IGNOU

1656. SHRI RAMCHANDRAN PILLAI Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) since how long the Admission Division of the Indira Gandhi National Open University has been advertising in Natonal Dailies and announcing in the guide for applicants that medium of instructions for certificate in Food and Nutrition can be any one among the Languages such as Assamese, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Punjabi and Tamil;

(b) when the university prepared the course material in Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada and Assamese for this course ;

(c) whether the university propose to send the course material to the candidates who opted Malayalam as medium of instruction during 1994 ; and

(d) if not, what steps the university intends to take to redress the grievances of the candidates who had joined the course ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINSTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT OF CULTURE (Km. SELJA) : (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), the University launched the programme of Certificate in Food and Nutrition in the year 1988. Initially the programme was offered in Assamese, English, Hindi and Gujarati as the medium of instruction. Presently, the programme is being offered in five more languages, namely, Tamil and Malayalam since 1992, Kannada since 1993 and Marathi and Punjabi from 1994. The course material for the programme Certificate in Food and Nutrition was prepared in Assamese in 1988, Malayalam and Tamil in 1991 and Kannada in 1992.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Scholarship under National Talent Scheme

1657. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) when the amount of scholarship under National Talent Scheme was decided ;

(b) when Govt. are likely to increase the amount of scholarship, under this scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that Govt. propose to link up this amount to price index; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (Km. SELJA) : (a) The amount of scholarship under National Talent Search Scheme was decided in 1977.

(b) to (d) The amount of scholarship is not linked with the Price Index In the cases where parent's income is more than Rs. 25,000/- per annum the awardee gets only 50% of the amount of the scholarship. No decision on increasing the amount of scholarship under the scheme has been taken by the Government of India.

Low Female Literacy Rate

1658. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that high birth rate and high infant mortality rate are associated with low female literacy rates ;

(b) if so, the States which are with low female literacy;

(c) whether any time bound programme has been chalked out to improve literacy standards of females in these States ; and

(d) if so, the details there of ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE

DEVELOPMENT DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT OF CULTURE (Km. SELJA : (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha :

(b) The States of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Dadra and Nagar Haveli have female literacy rate lower than the national average.

(c) and (d) Universalisation of Elementary Education, Non-formal Education for School Drop-outs and Adult Education Programmes under the National Literacy Mission form a part of the larger strategy for eradication of illiteracy, particularly among females. Under the National Literacy Mission, which aims at imparting functinal literacy to 80.00 million adult illitrates in the 15—35 age-group by 1995, the principal strategy is the Total Literacy Campaigns. Total Literacy Campaigns are area-specific, time-bound, volunteer based programmes for improving literacy among the target groups including women. So far, 258 districts have already been covered by such campaigns either fully or partly. According to the indications received from various districts a majority of the enrolled persons are women.

Teachers posted in Kendriya Vidyalayas in Indore

1659. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3384 given in the Rajya Sahba on the 24th December, 1993 and state; :

(a) whether it is a fact that many teachers have been posted in Kendriya Vidyalayas of Indore despite the fact that their posts do not exist in the concerned Vidyalayas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reason justifying such postings ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN TH MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION & DEPTT. OF CULTURE (Km SELJA) : (a) and (b) The teachers in various grades are posted to each Kendriya Vidyalaya generally according to the sanctioned strength which is determined each year based on the nrolment of the students. If the number of teachers in a particular grade is temporarily in excess because of the change in the sanctioned strength, they are posted/adjusted as per transfer guidelines.

As on date, in Indore, in two schools having sanctioned strength of 92 teachers, 96 teachers are working, but they are within the overall sanctioned strength of vidyalayas located in the Region. Four teachers in Indore who are in excess of sanctioned strength are thus to be adjusted/posted during annual transfers as per transfer guidelines.

Presidents of KVS association, nominated as members of board of governors

1660. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Presidents of six recognised associations of KVS' employees had been nominated in 1991-92 on Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and its Board of Governors ex-officio;

(b) if so, the details of those nominated first alongwith the details of associations of which they were presidents;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the member ship of a few of the first appointees term inated with their cessation of their presidentship of the association but membership of others continued even after their not continuing as president of their associations; and

(d) if so, the details there of and justification therefor in each case ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (Km. SELJA) : (a) and (b) The Memorandum of Association and Rules of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan as registered under the Societies Registration Act, provide for both ex-officio membership and nominations by the Government of India at any time. In December, '91 six persons who were then employees of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, were nominated as members for a period of 3 years as per details given below :